

## KIRK ELECTED PRESIDENT.

THE "DEAL" IN THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

FOUR REPUBLICANS VOTE FOR THE TAMMANY CANDIDATE, WHO GETS A BARE MAJORITY.

The Aldermen's chamber was uncomfortably filled at noon yesterday. It was expected that the "deal" planned at the conference on Friday night would be consummated by the election of William P. Kirk as president. The Tammany scats, however, belonging to the members of the Board, and they were not taken until fifteen minutes later, when Mr. Waite said to Mr. Grant: "Go ahead." The acting president stepped quickly to the chair and rapped for order. The roll was called, but three times the list of absentees was called before all of the members were in their seats. The reason given for this delay was said to be that a conference was in session between the County Democracy Aldermen and the Republicans who were opposed to the election of Mr. Kirk with reference to the election of a Republican president; but no agreement was made.

Mr. Finch was the first Republican who voted for the Tammany candidate. When Mr. Miller's name was called, he asked to be excused from voting. Then he said:

"The Republicans are in the minority in this Board, and it would be unwise now to organize and attend to any business. I will withdraw my request to be excused and will vote for William P. Kirk." (Cheers and hisses.)

Mr. Wendl also asked to be excused from voting and gave reasons similar to those expressed by Mr. Miller; that he also had a deal which was to be consummated. The three candidates—O'Connor (Republican), Kirk (Tammany) and O'Neill (County Democracy)—did not vote until all the other names had been recorded. Eleven votes had been cast for Mr. Kirk, four of them being by Republicans, when his name was called again.

Mr. Kirk—Kirk [Hisses.]

Mr. O'Connor—I wish to be excused from voting, and will do so.

Mr. Waite—I move that Mr. O'Connor be excused.

Mr. O'Connor—I am called upon to vote.

Mr. Jacobs—I move that he be heard.

Mr. Kirk—He is out of order and so are you.

Mr. Jacobs—No one can be heard in order.

Mr. Kirk—I will bring him before the bar of this House.

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